

CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

Meeting Highlights

October 10, 2000

Location

N.J. Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville

Attendees

See attached attendance list.

Highlights Summary

Clean Water Council Public Hearing

- A conference call with Pat Matarazzo, Jessica Sanchez, Ed Weingryn, Eric Evenson, Pam Goodwin and Lance Miller was held on October 4, 2000.
- The Holiday Inn in Jamesburg was booked for December 5, 2000.
- A reservation has been made at the Greystone Manor in Freehold for December 5, 2000 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. It is accessible to the N.J. Turnpike and Parkway. Map will be available on the Division of Watershed Management's webpage.
- Registration - How do we want them to register? Participants can register by mailing back the registration form, by fax, by phone or by email.
- We need to identify mailing lists for the brochures. The Council would like to provide participants with a six-week notice. All brochures will have to be mailed by October 24, 2000.
- Does the Council want to involve Water Supply?
 - The focus of the questions is on water supply/quality
 - There is not enough time to involve Water Supply Advisory Council
 - Invite Water Supply Advisory Council to participate
- Lay out of the Summary needs to be tied to the questions.
 - Do you want the public to come in with questions or answers?
- What will the Department do with the information that the Council gathers?
 - Revisit water supply statutes
 - Policy direction - Where are we trying to go with these questions? The questions lead to effluent reuse. This is a whole new area that the Department is starting to explore.
 - How do we use treated wastewater?
 - Consumptive water use - How much is lost?
- The purpose of the hearing is to try to maximize the reuse of water.
 - Multiple uses of our water while maintaining water quality and quantity

- The audience should consist of purveyors, discharges and experts in the fields of reuse.
- Suggested topics for discussion at the hearing:
 - How little stream flow are you willing to live with and the ecological impact of that flow? Healthy ecosystems.
 - How much water is being discharged to the ocean each day? Numbers can be obtained from DEP.
 - Growth areas of the state - Many instances where we cannot get the water locally. Does the State Plan say that water must be from a local source? Cannot rely on the locals.
 - You can always get water to an area. The question is at what cost.
 - How much are we willing to pay for the water?
 - What are the environmental impacts to get that water?
 - Aquifer recharge area questions:
 - Leave alone
 - Retrofit
 - Impact of development - recharge area will be shifted with development
 - How do we get an optimal water management system in place?
 - What will the public accept for reuse?
 - Golf courses
 - Farming
 - Develop public education
 - Lower base flows/supply/quantity
 - How much is the public willing to reserve for ecology or recreational use?
- Targeted audience for hearing:
 - Purveyors
 - Treatment plant operators
 - Recreational officials
 - Wildlife officials
 - Local officials
 - Watershed officials
 - NJ Builders Association
 - NJ Business and Industry
 - AEA
- The questions developed for the hearing brochure are as follows:
 - How can we ensure the quality and quantity of surface and ground water?
 - How can we use treated wastewater?
 - How can the preservation and use of open space, farmland and recreational areas affect our water quality and water supply?
 - How can we balance water quality and water supply with multiple uses such as: wildlife, habitat, recreation and ecological protection?
 - How can we provide for the water demands to be imposed by future population and public growth?
 - How much are we willing to pay for our choices now and in the future?

- Length of presentations
 - Depends on the number of presenters
 - Limit if necessary depending on number of presenters
 - CWC presentations will begin at 4:30 p.m.
 - Public testimony will begin at 5:00 p.m.
- Speakers for the hearing
 - Rich Kunz, Ocean County Utility Authority
 - Someone from North Jersey Water Supply District
 - Someone who can speak about population projections/growth statistics - Pat Matarazzo can do as part of his opening remarks
 - Someone who can speak about water supply and wastewater use
 - Someone who can speak about the overall state water budget
 - Tom Baxter or Lou Neely can speak about water surplus issues/recreational use issues
- Directions to the hearing will be posted on the watershed management website.
- Summary Statement
 - Use Eric's outline to prepare bullets for the summary
 - Ed Weingryn will develop a bullet for wildlife issues
- Brochure will be faxed to hearing committee by October 13th with a request for comments due by October 18th.

STATEWIDE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

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There were no issues for the subcommittee to discuss.

The entire meeting was spent developing the hearing brochure.